BIFR instructions for winding up PSUs

4317. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has issued winding up orders to certain public sector undertakings;

(b) if so, what are the details of such Public Sector Undertakings in respect of which BIFR has issued winding up orders; and

(c) what are the details of losses incurred by each PSU during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Export orders received by the Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India

4318. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of export enquiries and export orders received by the Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Limited during the last three years and so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that the company is unable to depute its officers and to deploy them for further exploring the export market for want of capital and funds;

(c) whether the company has established in both domestic and foreign markets its reputation of quality products at competitive prices;

(d) whether Government have taken any steps to help and assist the company to grow a little fast and to increase its foreign exchange earnings; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The details of export orders received and executed by TAFCO from 1990-91 onwards are as under:—

Years	Direct Export (Rs. in lakhs)
1990-91	30.44
1991-92	—
1992-93	14.53
1993-94 (upto July, 1993)	8.56

(b) No, Sir. Negotiations regarding export enquiries/orders are generally done through agents of foreign buyers and export houses in India and also through contracts during the Trade Fairs in India from time to time.

(c) The products of the Company has certain reputation in the market. However, its products do not always have competitive prices.

(d) and (e) TAFCO is now under reference to BIFR and has already been declared as a sick unit. BIFR has appointed IFCI as the Operating Agency to consider the feasibility of revival. Further action will depend on the final decision of the BIFR.

Loan from Khadi Gramodyog to women

4319. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of women are engaged in cottage industries such as making candles, agarbattis, pickles etc. and have taken loans from Khadi Gramodyog Board for this purpose;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that these women face tremendous difficulties in marketing their wares; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to assist such loans in marketing their wares to make it commercially viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Khadi and Village Industries